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From: Akins [cakers@sdcu.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2004 7:01 PM
To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; jsadelstein@fcc.gov
Subject: C-Span

Federal Communications Commission

Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC members,

We love C-Span, the only intelligent show on TV, that helps us understand politics and government a little better, the Washington Journal in particular. If you watch C-Span, we think that you'll agree.

We hope that you'll agree that a "dual must carry rule" would violate the First Amendment and deprive many households of an outstanding source of information on a wide range of subjects, presented without partisanship overtones.

Where else can you find gavel to gavel coverage of the two political conventions?

Thanks for your consideration.

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From: Clint Stucky [CLINTSTUCKY@webtv.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2004 4:33 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: CSPAN

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Commissioner Powell:

I was quite concerned upon learning that the FCC's "dual must carry" regulation may jeopardize my ability to receive CSPAN and CSPAN2 programming.

For me, these stations have made a tremendous contribution to my ability, as a citizen, to remain informed with regard to public issues. They represent vital and unmatched sources of unbiased information.

The completeness of their Senate and House of Representatives coverage--and of this year's Democratic and Republican Conventions, as examples--is not, to my knowledge, replicated by any other news service.

Whatever your Commission's eventual decision, it would be a shame... and a blow to democracy in this country, in my opinion... were it to muzzle these excellent news resources.

Sincerely,

Clinton D. Stucky
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From: Jean Shaffer [jshaffe@san.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2004 3:02 PM
To: KJMWEB
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I am emailing the FCC commissioners and asking them to do everything within their power to keep CSPAN on the air. I am sure that you realize that it provides a unique service to the American people. It allows us to watch news without having it interpreted or slanted. I have not found a newspaper, magazine, or TV station that does this.

Please do all that you can to keep this an option for us,

Thank you,
Gloria Jean Shaffer
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From: Marc Love [crichton91@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 01, 2004 2:35 AM
To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; jsadelstein@fcc.gov
Subject: Dual Must Carry / Digital Must Carry

Dear Commissioners:

I am very concerned about this new rule that I have read about on C-SPAN's website that would cause C-SPAN to be forced off my local cable network's channel line-up.

I understand the concern in trying to promote digital signals throughout the cable systems because that's what we're moving to, but that's what the free-market system is meant for.

The C-SPAN family of networks is such an incredible asset to our country. It allows us to see first hand what is going on in our government without the filtering of news networks and the commentary of pundits. Cable news networks have become a wasteland of commentary, opinion and 15-second news bites.

Please don't do anything that would threaten this incredible resource.

Thank you for your time,
Marc Love
San Jose, California

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From: Peg [re24te1@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 3:39 PM
To: Michael Powell
Subject: Digital Must Carry

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Access to C-Span, C-Span2 and C-Span3 should not be in jeopardy due to upcoming rulings. These channels are extremely important for viewers that are participating in their government. These are channels where fair and balance is actually practiced.

I do believe the FCC will hear from many regarding the threatened disappearance of the three C-Span channels from their TVs. These channels cannot be regulated into oblivion only to be left with the unfair and the unbalanced. You are in government, I am in government via my vote. C-Span channels help me to be informed and cast more of an educated vote. What better mission for the FCC than an informed public.

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From: Salha Mishaan [salha@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2004 1:35 AM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Please don't take away my C-Span

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I don't understand more about the Dual Must Carry issue than I do understand. I don't need to understand it in order to make clear one and only one sentiment:
The FCC must not do anything that would stop people like myself from being able to get C-Span.

I abhor Adelphia cable, but without them I can't get C-Span. So I put up with their rising prices and lousy service. C-Span is THAT important to me. C-Span is the only place any of us can get the truly unbiased and non-spun version of what takes place in Congress, as well as the various other venues in which the national dialogue is taking place.

The network news considers the sex life of movies stars as more newsworthy than what is going behind the closed door dealings of the energy task force. The local news reports on the "seven deadly sins", instead of our local or national government. . The cable new channels, as you are well aware, are dedicated to soundbites and twisting the words of anyone and everyone to meet their own corporate agendas. C-Span is the only place I can go in order to hear first hand what our representatives in Congress and the Senate are saying, and what is being discovered in Congressional and Senate hearings.

I have no idea what the purpose behind the Dual Must Carry rule is. I don't care. If it takes away our ability to access C-Span... it's wrong and it's time has not yet come. Until the FCC gets around to making the news be the news without spin, soundbites or trivial scandals - but truthfully reporting what matters to the citizens, you can't take away C-Span.

Respectfully,

Salha Mishaan

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Stephanie Kost

From: Shelton, Susan [SShelton@cwlp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2004 10:11 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Protect the continued viability of C-span

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Please do not do anything that would negatively impact C-span. I absolutely rely on C-span to keep track of current events, for a sense of connectedness with D.C. ~~Office of the Secretary~~ ~~about~~ books that I want to read. Do not cave into capitalism run amok.

Susan Shelton
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